

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 38-41 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Response to Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has withdrawn the prior restriction requirement dated July 6, 2005, and issued a new restriction requirement in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- (a) an epoxy resin and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof;
- (b) a cyclic anhydride and a primary amine;
- (c) an oxazoline and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof;
- (d) a carbodiimide and primary amine or a carboxylic acid; or
- (e) an isocyanate and a primary amine, an alcohol or a carboxylic acid, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

The Examiner has further required the following restriction:

If the species (a) is elected, a curing agent needs to be further elected either (i) a primary amine or (ii) a carboxylic acid or (iii) a carboxylic anhydride.

If the species (c) is elected, a curing agent needs to be further elected either (i) a primary amine or (ii) a carboxylic acid.

If the species (d) is elected, a curing agent needs to be further elected either (i) a primary amine or (ii) a carboxylic acid.

If the species (e) is elected, a curing agent needs to be further elected either (i) a primary amine or (ii) an alcohol or (iii) a carboxylic acid.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, the adhesive species of (a) comprising an epoxy resin and a primary amine, a carboxylic acid or a carboxylic anhydride or a mixture of two or more thereof. With regard to the curing agent for species (a), Applicant elects a primary amine. Claims 1-20, 37 and claim 43 read on the elected species.

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